

Twelfth Day of Christmas
Tuesday, 5 January 2021
Bible in Time: New Testament Study

Today: My Overview of the Acts of the
Apostles

Tomorrow: Acts 1 & 2; Revolutionary pp.
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January Assignments Calendar

Prayer Suggestion:
[Unveiling Christianity](#)
Center for Action and Contemplation

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the book of the Acts of the
Apostles. Acts is a wonderment of history,
travel, the founding of churches, major first
decisions of the Church, and featuring
Peter and Paul.

The Book of Acts is volume 2 from the
writer of the Gospel of Luke. The gospel
speaks of Jesus and Acts speaks of the
founding and expansion of the Church.
The key question in Acts - Is the way of
Jesus a subset of the Jewish faith or is it
something new?

The book of Acts reads like an adventure
with new churches being founded in Asia
and Europe. We start with Jesus rising to

heaven and asking his disciples to carry on the ministry, making more disciples, and coming together in community. We end with Paul going to Rome to face a trial. In his [Introducing the New Testament](#), Mark Powell says about Acts ...

“The theology of Acts focuses, first, on God as having sovereign control over all of history. God sometimes guides people by revealing what has been predestined. God has also proven faithful in keeping promises; thus, the transfer of divine blessings from Israel to gentiles must be understood as a consequence of Israel’s rebelliousness and not of God’s unfaithfulness. The book of Acts does emphasize that a *remnant* of Israel continues to be faithful, and the book presents Jerusalem as the center of the Christian movement. The book of Acts also presents Jesus as still present within the church, and it links the reception of present and future salvation to him. Much of Acts is taken up with an enthusiastic account of the church at work in the world, a mission that is marked by charismatic manifestations of the Holy Spirit, miracles, numerical growth, and victorious, triumphant living.”

Look for maps of the Apostle Paul missionary journeys and his trip to Rome in your study Bible or online.

Reading Acts 1 & 2 we are in year 30 and beginning near Jerusalem.

Pray and embrace the adventure of founding the [Way of Love](#).

In Christ,

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Note: "Revo." or "Revolutionary" refers to our textbook "Revolutionary Bible Study" by Gene Edwards, ISBN 978-0-97975157-8, © 2009.